20% मैगनीज अंश वाले 0.20 मी० टन मैगनीज अयस्क का पता चला है।

(10) मध्य प्रदेश के बालाघाट जिले के उक्वा क्षेत्र में 2.17 मी० टन मध्यम ग्रेड के मैगनीज अयस्क का अनुमान है।

उर्वरक खनिज

(11) पश्चिम बंगाल के पुरूलिया जिले के दक्षिण पुरूलिया शीयर क्षेत्र के पुर्वाहा ब्लाक में (7.76) पी$_2$O$_5$ सहित 5% पी$_2$ओ$_5$ अंश वाला 0.74 मी० टन एपेटाइट का संभावित भंडार।

चूना पत्थर

(12) मेघालय के जैनतिया पहाड़ियां की लितांग नदी घाटी में अधिकांश एल्डी, रासायनिक और एसएमएस ग्रेडों के 2265 मी० टन उत्कृष्ट ग्रेड का चूना पत्थर।

मिट्टी

(13) केरल के कोलाम, कासरगाद और तिरूवंतपुरम जिलों के 70 संभावित ब्लाकों में 40% प्राप्ति क्षमता वाली 2000 मी० टन अच्छी प्रकार की चीनी मिट्टी के संभावित संसाधन।

क्वार्ट्जाइट

(14) अरूणाचल प्रदेश के पश्चिम कामेंग जिले में कालाकतांग क्षेत्र के समीप 3130 मी० टन रिफ्लेक्टरी/फाउन्ड्री ग्रेड क्वार्ट्जाइट का अनुमान लगाया गया।

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डाइमेंशन स्टोन संबंधी संसाधन सर्वेक्षण के बारे में कार्ययोजना के अनुसार भारतीय भू-वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण ने देश के 16 राज्यों में आयामी पत्थरों के लिए विस्तृत अंवेषण किए।

(15) पश्चिम बंगाल के पुरूलिया, बंकुरा और बीरभूम जिलों के पता लगाए गए आठ ब्लाकों में 10 मी० की गहराई तक 1.46 मिलियन एम^3 ग्रेनाइट का अनुमान लगाया गया।

(16) उड़ीसा के पुरी, कटक और केयोन्झार जिलों में 6 मी० की गहराई तक 1.0 मिलियन एम^3 ग्रेनाइट का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(17) उत्तर प्रदेश के ललितपुर, झांसी और हमीरपुर जिलों में फैले 73 संभावित ब्लाकों में 20 मी० की गहराई तक 35 मिलियन एम^3 ग्रेनाइट।

Status of Granite Exploration in the Country

1594. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the status of granite exploration in the country is not satisfactory and as a result thereof the granite exports could touch only Rs. 1024 crores in 1995-96;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestion from the Granite Development Council and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) Granite has been traditionally a minor mineral as per the provisions of Section 3(e) of the Mines & Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, grant of its mineral concessions is regulated by Rules framed by different State Governments. The Central Government has constituted a Granite Development Council under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) with representatives of the state Governments, Granite Industry, Geological Survey of India and the Indian Bureau of Mines etc. The Council had constituted a Sub-Group to look into the issues related to development of Granite in the Country. Report of the Sub-Group on Granite Development has been presented to the Granite Development Council and the Conference of the State Ministers/ Secretaries of Mining and Geology in December, 1996. Further in view of the importance that Granite has assumed in the recent years, and action plan for assessing deposits in the country has been drawn up by the Geological Survey of India and Geological Survey of India has already taken up investigations in 15 States.

India granite is well accepted in the international market and the export value

of Indian Granite has increased substantially from Rs. 3.74 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. 1,083 crores in 1995-96.

Revival of Golconda Diamond Mines

1595. SHRI GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revive the Golconda diamond mines and search for diamonds, rubies and other precious gems in Khammam, Krishna, Anantpur and Cuduppa districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there are any proposals to develop these areas from domestic and foreign companies C-8-DE Bears' Australian companies; and

(c) whether the diamonds are exported, if so, the figures for 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) The application for grant of mining leases have to be made to respective State Governments only as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. The Central Government does not monitor receipt of such applications.

As per information available Government of Andhra Pradesh has appointed M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (a State Public Sector Undertaking) as the agent of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to explore and exploit Diamond and Gold resources in Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool, Anantpur, Cuddapah, Mehboobnagar, Nalgonda, Guntur, Krishna, Khammam, Prakasham, Nellore and Chittoor for Diamond and Visakhapatnam, East-Godavari and Khammam for semi-precious stones). M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. invited offers both in India and abroad for the exploitation of Gold and Diamond with appropriate technical and financial strength and research & development facilities and good market share. In response to the advertisement, 32 offers had been received for Gold and 27 for diamond.

(c) Yes, diamonds are being exported. The export figures for 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as given below:

Value in Rs.'000 Quantity in '000 carats

Year	Quantity	Mostly cut value
1994-95	15,359	12,35,71,213
1995-96	18,579	15,37,44,345

Allocation of Funds for Mining Development Programmes of Gujarat

1596. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of funds for various mining development programmes in Gujarat for the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan period has been finalised by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to finalise the allocation to enable the State to decide its priorities?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDERA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rs. 2.00 crores have been approved by the Planning Commission for the year 1996-97.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Establishing Mineral based Industries in Kutch District

1597. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite minerals and land resorces in the Kutch disrict of Gujarat the establishment of industries based on minerals could not be made there;